**Press release**

New opportunity for oral health research funding

**Foundation Nakao for Worldwide Oral Health to launch new round of research grant applications on 28 September 2020**

Dental academics and clinicians are invited to apply for research grants from Foundation Nakao on 28 September 2020. This is the second round of funding made available by the prestigious foundation, since its launch in 2018. The organization supports clinical trials and research in important topics such as minimum intervention dentistry and oral health of the elderly.

Successful applications will receive fully funded projects of CHF 50,000.00/per project in addition to wide exposure among dental professionals, dental industry as well as the general public of each study’s outcomes and achievements.

**Advancing oral health research**

The foundation’s first round of grant applications took place in September 2019 and six studies were awarded the honor of being accepted out of a huge number of submissions. Applicants represent the following categories: government organization, non-government organization, university, research institution or other.

Foundation Nakao supports academic research and clinical studies contributing to its founding goal, which is the improvement of oral health and subsequent raised quality of life of all people in the world. Key oral health research areas that address Minimum Intervention Dentistry, Oral Health in Ageing Populations and the 8020 movement, Tooth Function, the prevention of Oral Frailty and Dental IQ.

“The inspiration for the Foundation came from a topic that is very close to our hearts: the impact of oral health on quality of life. My husband and I believe that dentistry has a fundamental role to play in the health and longevity of people around the world. We look forward to seeing this becoming a reality through the activities of the Foundation,” said Makiko Nakao, President of Foundation Nakao for Worldwide Oral Health at its official launch in 2018.

**About the Nakao Foundation**

On Sept 21st, 2018, Foundation Nakao for Worldwide Oral Health was established in Luzern, Switzerland. This was made possible by Mr Makoto Nakao, former Chairman of GC Corporation, who after 42 years at the helm of the company donated his privately-owned company shares to

support this noble initiative.  The management board of Foundation Nakao boasts a team of distinguished dental professionals from four continents; Europe, America, Australia and Asia. They are Professor Reinhart Hickel, Professor Clark Stanford, Professor Macro Ferrari, Professor Eric Reynolds, Professor Keiichi Sasaki and Dr Kiyotaka Nakao.

Application will be open until 11 December 2020 via the application form on the Nakao Foundation website <https://www.foundation-nakao.com/applications>

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